the Revised Civil Statutes, relating to the taxation of insurance, telephone, sleeping and dining car and other corporations, and to provide for forfeiting the charters of domestic corporations and permits of foreign corporations to do business in this State for failure to pay franchise tax levied by this act, and to define and prescribe the notice to be given the said corporations previous to such forfeiture, and to provide adequate penalties for the violation of this act,' passed and enacted by the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved April 30, 1897," be and the same is hereby amended so as hereafter to read as follows:

Article 5243e. Every life, fire, fire and marine, marine, marine and inland insurance company, and every life and accident, life and health, accident, credit, title, steam boiler, live stock and casualty company and all other insurance companies doing business in this State, except fidelity and guaranty companies, at the time of filing its annual statement shall report to the Commissioner of Agriculture, Insurance, Statistics and History the gross amount of premiums received in the State, upon property located in this State, and from persons residing in this State during the preceding year, and each of such companies shall pay an annual tax upon such gross premium receipts as follows: Each life insurance company shall pay a tax of 3 per cent of such gross premiums, all other companies enumerated above shall pay a tax of 2 per cent of such gross premiums; provid-ed, that any company doing a life insurance business in connection with any other class of insurance business enumerated shall pay the same tax upon the gross receipts from life insurance business as is levied against the receipts of a company conducting a purely life insurance business; and the gross premium receipts are understood to be the premium receipts re-ported to the Commissioner of Agriculture, Insurance, Statistics and History by the insurance companies upon the sworn statement of two principal officers of such companies.

Upon receipt by him of sworn statements showing the gross and net premium receipts by such companies, the commissioner shall certify to the State Treasurer the amount of taxes due by each company, which tax shall be paid to the State Treasurer for the use of the State on or before the 1st day of March following, whose receipt shall be evidence of the payment of such taxes, and no insurance company shall receive a permit to do business in this State until such taxes are paid.

Provided, that if any such insurance company shall have as much as onefourth of its entire assets, as shown by said sworn statement, invested in any or all of the following securities: Real estate in the State of Texas, bonds of this State or of any county, incorporated city or town of this State or other property in this State in which by law such companies may invest their funds, then the annual tax of any such company shall be one-half of one per cent of its said gross premium receipts; and if any such com-pany shall have invested, as aforesaid, as much as one-half of its said assets, then the annual tax of such company shall be one-fourth of one per cent of its said gross premium receipts, as

above defined.
Sec. 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby re-

pealed.
Sec. 3. The importance of this bill. and the immediate necessity for the additional revenues herein provided for, and the fact that the law heretofore passed at the regular session of the Twenty-ninth Legislature taxing insurance companies, is being tested in the courts on the grounds of its unconstitutionality, create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days he suspended, and that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

(Engrossed reading to House bill No. 13.)

Amend page 2. line 37, by inserting the following: "and provided further, that no occupation tax shall be levied on insurance companies, herein subjected to a gross premium receipt tax, by any county, city or town."

LOVE of Williamson.

# EIGHTEENTH DAY.

Senate Chamber, Austin, Texas, Friday, May 12, 1905.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment, Lieutenant Governor Neal in the chair.

Roll call, quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Barrett. Faulk.
Beaty. Faust.
Brachfield. Glasscock.
Chambers. Griggs.
Davidson. Hale.
Decker. Hanger.

Harbison. Paulus. Skinner. Harper. Hawkins Smith Stafford. Hicks. HIII. Stokes. Holland. Stone. Terrell. Looney. Willacy. McKamv. Meachum.

Absent.

Grinnan.

Martin.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. H. M. Sears.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, on motion of Senator Faust, the same was dispensed with.

### SIMPLE RESOLUTION.

Senator Looney offered the following

resolution, which was adopted: Resolved, That the Enrolling Clerk, with the advice and consent of the President of the Senate, be, and he is hereby authorized to employ all help necessary to assist in the work of enrolling bills incident to the near approach of the end of the session, and that the persons so employed be paid \$5 per day for such services.

TERRELL, LOONEY.

Morning call concluded.

#### EXCUSED.

On motion of Senator Stone, Senator Harbison was excused from attendance upon the Senate for today and tomorrow on account of sickness in family

## SIMPLE RESOLUTION

Senator Hale offered the following

resolution, which was adopted:
Resolved by the Senate, That the remarks of the Senators from Hardeman, Hunt, DeWitt, Bexar, Morris and Matagorda upon the election bill be printed in the Journal.

The resolution was adopted.

Note.-In accordance with the above resolution the speech of Senator-Looney appears in the Appendix of today's Journal. The speeches of the remaining ones provided for in the mo-tion could not be obtained, and are, therefore, not given.-Journal Clerk.

# HOUSE BILL NO. 8.

The Chair laid before the Senate, as pending business, when the Senate ad- for such state office, shall be entitled

journed yesterday, House bill No. 8, the election bill.

The question was on the substitute offered by Senator Faulk for the amendment offered by Senator Terrell. (See Journal of yesterday for amendment and substitute.)

(Pending discussion on the amendments, President Pro Tem. Willacy was

called to the chair.)

Pending further discussion, Senator Looney moved to table the amendment and substitute, which motion was adopted by the following vote:

#### Yeas-17.

Brachfleld. Looney. Davidson. McKamy. Decker. Paulus. Faust, Skinner. Griggs. Smith. Hawkins. Stafford. Hicks. Stone. Hill. Willacy. Holland.

#### Nays-10.

Barrett. Hale. Hanger. Beatv. Meachum. Chambers. Faulk. Stokes. Glasscock. Terrell.

#### Absent,

Grinnan. Harper.

Martin.

Absent-Excused.

Harbison.

Senator Smith offered the following amendment:

Amend Section 120, page 21, by striking out all of said section down to the word "provided," in line 18, page 21, and insert in place thereof, the follow-

"The candidate for any county office who received either a plurality or majority vote of all the votes cast in his county, as provided for in Section 111 of this Act, shall be entitled to be placed upon the official ballot as a candidate of his party for the office

for which he was nominated.
"The candidate for any district office who receives a majority vote of all the votes cast in any county of his district shall be entitled to the entire convention vote of such county in the district convention, which shall called by the district executive committee to nominate candidates for such district office; and the candidate for any state office who receives a majority of all the votes cast in any county

to the entire convention vote of such county in the state convention called to nominate candidates for such state office?

Senator Terrell offered the following substitute for the amendment:

## Substitute for the Amendment.

Amend the bill by adding to Section to the following: "Provided, how-120 the following: ever, that the Executive Committee of any county or any district may at a meeting of such committee called by the chairman of such committee not less than thirty days before such primary election by a majority of such committee decide, whether or not candidates shall be nominated for county and district offices in a convention based on the vote of such candidate in such primary election as above provided, or whether or not the candidate receiving the plurality of the votes cast at such election for such county or district offices shall be the nominee or whether or not the candidate receiving a majority of all votes cast at such primary election for such county or district officer shall be the nominee, and all candidates for county and district officers shall be nominated in one of the three ways above described, which shall be decided upon by the county or district Executive Committee."

Here Senator Davidson raised the point of order that the same subject matter contained in this amendment had been voted on this morning.

Senators Terrell and Glasscock argued in favor of the amendment,

The Chair (President Pro Tem. Willacy) overruled the point of order.

Senator Davidson then moved table the substitute amendment, which motion was adopted by the following vote:

### Yeas-19.

Brachfield. Looney. Davidson. McKamy. Decker. Paulus. Faust. Skinner. Griggs. Smith. Harper. Stafford. Hawkins. Stokes. Hicks. Stone. Hill. Willacy. Holland.

Nays-9.

Barrett. Beaty. Chambers. Faulk. Glasscock

Hale. Hanger. Meachum. Terrell.

Absent.

Grinnan.

Martin.

Absent-Excused.

Harbison.

Question then being on the amendment by Senator Smith, the same was adopted.

Senator Looney offered the following

amendment, which was adopted:
"Amend Section 114, page 20, by
striking out the word 'third' on 6th
line from top of page, and insert in lieu thereof the word 'first.' "

Senator Davidson offered the follow-

ing amendment:

Strike out the last sentence in Section 4 and insert in lieu thereof the following: "The inmates of the Confederate Home, situated within the limits of the city of Austin, shall, after obtaining their certificate of exemption, be entitled to vote for State, district and county officers, but not in municipal elections."

Senator Hawkins offered the following amendment to the amendment:

Amend the amendment by adding after the word "Jistrict," the word "municipal," and by striking out the words "but not in municipal elections."

Senator Davidson asked to withdraw the amendment, and Senator Hawkins objected to the withdrawal.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Here the Chair announced that the hour of 11 o'clock, the time set for the Senate to sit in executive session, to act on the appointments sent in by the Governor on yesterday. Accordingly the Senate was cleared of visitors, etc.

In executive session the following

confirmations were had:
Members of the Board of Eclectic Medical Examiners for the State of Texas: G. W. Johnson, San Antonio; C. D. Hudson, Waco; M. E. Daniel, Honey Grove; J. N. White, Queen City; E. L. Box, Houston; G. Helberg, Bonham; Charles Dowdell, Ennis; L. S. Downs, Galveston; T. F. Chandler, Gainesville.

Members of the Board of Homeopathic Medical Examiners of the State patric Medical Examiners of the State of Texas: W. R. Owen, San Antonio; H. B. Stiles, Waco; T. J. Crowe, Dallas; J. R. Pollock, Fort Worth; F. L. Griffith, Austin; W. F. Thatcher, Dallas; W. L. Smith, Denison; C. E. Johnson, Sherman; S. W. Cohen, Waco.

### IN THE SENATE.

(President Pro Tem. Willacy in the chair.)

The pending question being on the

amendment to the amendment by Senator Davidson

Senator Hicks offered the following substitute for the amendment and amendment to the amendment:

Amend by adding at the end of Section 4 the following: "Provided further, that any inmate of the Confederate Home at Austin being a qualified elector who does not desire to return to his home to vote, may cast his vote for any State officer at the precinct in Travis county in which such Confederate Home is located, if such person shall procure his certificate of exemption in Travis county as provided by law."

Senator Hicks moved the previous question on the amendment, the amendment to the amendment and the substitute amendment.

The motion being duly seconded, it

was so ordered.

The substitute amendment was lost by the following vote:

#### Yeas-9.

Faust. Looney. Glasscock. McKamy. Harper. Paulus. Hicks. Willacy. Hill

## Nays-18.

Barrett, Hanger. Beaty. Hawkins. Brachfield. Holland. Chambers. Meachum. Davidson. Skinner. Decker. Smith. Faulk. Stokes. Griggs. Stone. Hale. Terrell.

## Absent.

Grinnan.

Stafford.

Martin.

Absent-Excused.

# Harbison.

The amendment to the amendment was then adopted by the following vote:

## Yeas-22.

Barrett. Holland. McKamy. Beaty. Brachfield. Meachum. Paulus. Chambers. Skinner. Davidson. Decker. Smith. Stafford. Faulk. Stokes. Griggs. Stone. Hale. Terrell. Hanger. Willacy. Hawkins.

## Nays-6.

Faust. Glasscock. Harper.

Hicks. Hill. Loonev.

#### Absent

Grinnan.

Martin

Absent-Excused.

Harbison.

The amendment as amended was then adopted.

Senator Looney offered the following

amendment, which was adopted:
Amend Section 131, page 23, by striking out of ninth and tenth lines from top of page the following: "Who have received the highest vote," and insert in lieu thereof as follows: "Who have received the necessary vote to nominate as directed by the county executive committee.'

Senator Looney offered the following

amendment:

Amend the bill, Section 116, page 20, by adding to Section 116 as follows: "Provided that said convention shall, among other things, elect a chairman of the executive committee and thirtyone members thereof, one from each senatorial district of the State, the members of said committee to be recommended by the delegates represent-ing the counties composing the senatorial districts respectively, each county voting its convention strength, each of whom shall hold said office until his successor is elected, and in case of a vacancy a majority of the members of said committee shall fill the same by electing some eligible person thereto."

The amendment was adopted. Senator Stone offered the following

amendment:

Amend by striking out the word "ten," in line 2 of Section 146, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Fif

The amendment was adopted by the following vote:

### Yeas-14.

Holland. Davidson. McKamy. Decker. Meachum. Faulk. Stafford. Faust. Stone. Hale. Terrell. Hicks. Willacy. Hill.

## Nays-11.

Barrett. Brachfield. Chambers.

Glasscock. Griggs. Harper.

Hawkins. Looney. Paulus.

Smith. Stokes.

### Absent.

Beaty. Grinnan. Hanger.

Martin. Skinner.

Absent-Excused.

Harbison.

Senator Decker offered the following amendment:

Amend the bill by striking out all of Sections 102 to 145, inclusive, and change the numbers of sections to conform thereto and insert in lieu of all the sections stricken out, the following:

Section 102. The several counties in this State shall hold their county primary elections and conventions on the fourth Saturday in July of each year under such rules and regulations as the several party State executive committees shall determine.

Senator Looney moved the previous question on the amendment and the engrossment of the bill, which was duly seconded, and on that motion Senator Chambers moved a call of the Senator, which was duly seconded.

Here Senator Looney asked unanimous consent to withdraw the motion for the previous question and there was no objection and the motion was withdrawn, which, solved the call. necessarily,

Senator Davidson moved to table the amendment by Senator Decker, and on that motion Senator Chambers moved a call of the Senate, which being duly seconded, the roll was called, the following Senators answering to their names:

Hill. Barrett. Brachfield. Holland. Chambers. Looney. Davidson. McKamy. Decker. Meachum. Faulk. Paulus. Faust. Skinner. Glasscock. Smith. Stafford. Griggs. Hale. Stokes. Hanger. Stone. Harper. Terrell. Hawkins. Willacy. Hicks.

Absent.

Reaty. Grinnan. Martin.

Absent-Excused

Harbison.

absentees on the amendment and the

Senator Holland was discussing the motion and Senators Hicks and Skinner raised the point of order that, first, the Senator had no right to discuss the main question, and second that the question was not debatable.

The point of order was overruled, and the Senator was asked to confine his remarks to the oversion of the chair.

his remarks to the excusing of the absentees.

Pending further discussion Senator Looney raised the point of order that the Senator was using the floor for delay, and the point of order was over-ruled, the Chair stating that the speaker was answering a question asked him.

Senator McKamy here appealed from the ruling of the Chair, but withdrew same.

Pending further discussion Senator Looney made a point of order that the Senator was speaking for delay, and not discussing the subject. The Chair

overruled the point of order.
Senator Looney then appealed from the ruling of the Chair.

Question-Shall the Chair be sustained?

The roll was called and the Chair was sustained by the following vote:

#### Yeas-13.

Chambers.	Holland.
Decker.	Meachum.
Faulk.	Skinner.
Glasscock.	Stokes.
Griggs.	Stone.
Hale.	Terrell.
Hanger.	

## Nays-13.

Barrett.	Hill.
Brachfield.	Looney.
Davidson.	McKamy.
Faust.	Paulus.
Harper.	Smith.
Hawkins.	Stafford.
Hicks	

Present-Not Voting.

Willacy.

Absent.

Beaty. Grinnan. Martin.

Absent—Excused.

Harbison.

Senator Holland, before the vote was announced, said that he would yield the floor and did yield the floor. Senator Hicks here moved the pre-

Senator Harper moved to excuse the | vious question on the amendment. and

the bill and the motion to excuse the absentees. The motion was duly seconded and so ordered by the following vote:

### Yeas-16.

Barrett.	
Brachfield.	
Davidson.	
Faust.	
Griggs.	
Harper.	
Hawkins,	
Hicks.	

Hill.
Looney,
McKamy.
Paulus.
Skinner.
Smith.
Stafford.
Willacy.

### Nays-11.

Chambers.
Decker.
Faulk.
Glasscock.
Hale.
Hanger.

Holland. Meachum. Stokes. Stone. Terrell.

#### Absent.

Beaty. Grinnan. Martin.

Absent-Excused.

#### Harbison.

Question then being on the motion to excuse the absentees on this amendment and this bill, the same was lost by the following vote:

# Yeas—16.

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Barch	10000
David:	son.
Faust.	
Griggs	3.
Harpe	г.
Hawk	ins.
Hicks	

Hill, Looney. McKamy. Paulus, Sulner. Smith. Stafford, Willacy.

## Nays-10.

Chambers	2
Decker.	3.
Faulk.	
Glasscock	۲.
Hale.	

Holland, Meachum, Stokes, Stone, Terrell,

## Present-Not Voting.

Hanger.

Absent.

Beaty. Grinnan. Martin.

Absent-Excused.

## Harbison.

Here Senator Terrell moved that the Senate take a recess till 3 o'clock, and the motion was adopted by the following vote:

### Yeas-16.

Dailett.
Chambers.
Decker.
Faulk.
Glasscock.
Griggs.
Hale.
Hanger.

Rarrett

Hawkins.
Holland.
Meachum.
Paulus.
Stafford.
Stokes.
Stone.
Terrell.

## Nays-11.

Brachfield,
Davidson.
Faust.
Harper.
Hicks,
Hill.

Looney. McKamy. Skinner. Smith, Willacy.

### Absent.

Beaty. Grinnan. Martin.

Absent-Excused.

Harbison.

# AFTER RECESS.

The Senate was called to order by Lieutenant Governor Neal.

### PENDING BUSINESS—HOUSE BILL NO. 8,

The Senate taking a recess dissolved the call and the question then recurred on the amendment by Senator Decker.

There being a pending motion by Senator Davidson to table the amendment and

ment, and
On that motion Senator Chambers
moved a call of the Senate, which being duly seconded, was so ordered.

ing duly seconded, was so ordered.

The roll call was called, the following Senators answering to their names:

Barrett.
Beaty.
Brachfield.
Chambers.
Davidson.
Decker.
Faulk.
Glasscock.
Griggs.

Hale.
Hawkins.
Hicks.
Hill.
Holland.
Looney.
McKamy.

Meachum. Paulus,

Smith.	
Stafford.	
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Stone. Terrell.

Stokes.

Absent.

Faust. Grinnan. Hanger. Harper.

Martin. Skinner. Willacy.

Absent-Excused.

Harbison.

The Sergeant-at-Arms was instructed to use such means as necessary to bring in the absentees.

Senator Looney moved to excuse the absentees, and the motion was lost by the following vote:

## Yeas-14.

Barrett. Brachfield. Davidson. Faust. Hawkins. Hicks. Hill.

Looney. McKamy. Paulus. Skinner. Smith. Stafford. Stokes.

### Nays-13.

Beaty. Chambers. Decker. Faulk. Glasscock. Griggs. Hale.

Harper. Holland. Meachum. Stone. Terrell. Willacy.

Present-Not Voting.

Hanger.

Absent.

Grinnan.

Martin.

Absent-Excused.

Harbison.

Senator Smith moved that the Sergeant-at-Arms be instructed to use such means as necessary, even by securing special messengers, and to bring in and compel their attendance, and what expense is incurred shall be paid out of the contingent expense fund. The of the contingent expense fund. motion was with compliance with the Senate rule.

Senator Davidson here withdrew his motion to table the amendment.

## NOTICE OF MOTION.

Notice is hereby given that on May 13, 1905, the undersigned will move to amend Senate Rule No. 61 (and others to conform) so that it shall only reling claims not registered; and to make

quire a majority vote of all the members of the Senate present to excuse absentees.

> LOONEY, BARRETT, SMITH, HICKS, BRACHFIELD, DAVIDSON.

#### PENDING BUSINESS RESUMED.

Pending discussion on Senator Smith's motion

Senator Davidson moved to excuse the absentees on the pending amendment and the bill.

The motion was adopted by the following vote:

## Yeas-19.

Barrett. Brachfield. Davidson. Faust. Griggs. Hanger. Harper. Hawkins. Hicks. Hill.

Looney. McKamy. Paulus. Skinner. Smith. Stafford, Stokes. Stone. Willacy.

Nays-9

Beaty. Chambers. Decker. Faulk. Glasscock. Hale. Holland. Meachum. Terrell.

Absent.

Grinnan.

Martin.

Absent-Excused.

Harbison.

FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT.

Austin, Texas, May 8, 1905. Hon. Geo. D. Neal, President of the Senate, and
Hon. F. W. Seabury, Speaker of the
House of Representatives.

We, your free conference com-Sirs:

mittee, to whom was referred House bill No. 7, a bill to be en-titled "An Act making appropriations for deficiencies in the appropriations heretofore made for the support of the State government for the support of the State government for the fiscal years ending February 28, 1901; August 31, 1901; August 31, 1903; August 31, 1904, and August 31, 1905, being for claims registered in the Comptroller's office in accordance with law; and for outstanding claims not registered; and to make additional appropriations for the support of the State government for the year ending August 31, 1905, together with Senate amendments to said bill," Have had the same under considera-

tion and beg to report back the following free conference committee bill in lieu of said House bill and Senate amendments, and recommend that the free conference substitute bill do pass.

WILLACY, FAUST SKINNER, TERRELL FAULK, On the part of the Senate. MURRAY of Wilson, BENNETT, AYARS, DAVIS of Williamson, PEELER.

On the part of the House. The report was read and adopted.

## Substitute Free Conference Committee Bill.

A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriations for deficiencies in appropriations heretofore made for the support of the State Government for the fiscal years ending February 28, 1901; August 31, 1901; August 31, 1902; August 31, 1903; August 31, 1904, and August 31, 1905, being for claims registered in the Comptroller's office in accordance with law; and for outstanding claims not registered; and to make additional appropriations for the support of the State Government for the year end-ing August 31, 1905." Be it enacted by the Legislature of the

State of Texas.

Section 1. That the following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same are hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for deficiencies incurred in the support of the State Government for the period beginning March 1, 1901, and ending August 31, 1905, and contracted under the provisions of Chapter 46, acts of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, and of Articles 1089 and 1093, of the Code of Criminal Procedure:

### Public Buildings and Grounds.

Feed for teams, year end- ing August 31, 1903\$	75.00
Water, light, fuel, contingencies for year ending August 31, 1904 Water, light, fuel and con-	9,900.00
tingencies for year ending August 31, 1905	9,000.00
State Lunatic Asylum. Literature and amusement	

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year ending August 31, 1903	250.00 529.00
31, 1904	4,014.00 201.65
Epileptic Colony.  Dry goods, beds and bedding, year ending August 31, 1904  State Orphans Home.	470.87
General maintenance necessary to the support of the home, including the purchase of all bedding, clothing, furniture or other supplies necessary for the comfort of the inmates of the home, including pay for the board of trustees at \$60 per year and mileage, for year ending August 31, 1903  Fuel, year ending August 31, 1904  General maintenance necessary to the support of the home, including the purchase of all bedding, clothing, furniture and other supplies necessary for the comfort of the inmates of the home, and including pay for the board of trustees at \$60 per year and mileage, year ending August 31, 1904  Transportation, year ending August 31, 1904	2,000.00 800.00 2,500.00 100.00 5,400.00
Southwest Texas Norm	al.
Maintenance, year ending August 31, 1904 Maintenance, year ending August 31, 1905	18,200.00 18,200.00 \$36,400.00
Blind Asylum.	
Dry goods and clothing for indigent pupils for fiscal	

Blind Asylum.	
Dry goods and clothing for indigent pupils for fiscal	
year ending August 31,	500.00
Fuel, for fiscal year ending August 31, 1904	500.09

Fuel, for fiscal year ending August 31, 1905 500.00	tion of arms and troops, year ending August 31, 1904 500.00
\$ 1,500.00	Payment of and transporta- tion and subsistence for
Deaf, Dumb and Blind Asylum (Colored).	the Texas Volunteer Guard, when called into ac- tive service under the
Groceries and miscellaneous, for year ending August 31, 1904	Iaw, and for the transpor- tation and maintenance of Texas Volunteer Guard,
\$ 700.00	for camps of instruction and for all other military
Deaf and Dumb Asylum.	expenses, year ending August 31, 1904 1,000.00
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Supplies, provisions and miscellaneous, year ending August 31, 1904 4,000.09	egraphing, for year ending August 31, 1904 200.00
Repairs on buildings and grounds, year ending Au-	\$ 1,700.00
gust 31, 1904 500.00	Southwestern Insane Asylum.
\$ 4,500.00	Support, maintenance, gro-
Confederate Home.	ceries, fuel, light, water, pay of board of managers,
Groceries, fuel, light, water,	including mileage, drugs, medical stores and surgical
feed and to enlarge kitchen including pay for monthly	instruments, for year ending August 31, 1904 5,000.00
meetings and mileage of board of managers, year	\$ 5,000.00
ending August 31, 1904 5,637 24	,
Miscellaneous expenses, year ending August 31, 1904. 2,500.00	Board of Public Printing.
\$ 8,137.24	Advertising State business for year ending August 31,
State Purchasing Agent.	1904 1,000.00
	\$ 1,000.00
For contingent expenses, year ending August 31, 1904 300.00	Judiciary Department. Fees of subpoenaed and at-
	tached witnesses, for year ending February 28, 1901
\$ 300.00	(registered) 358.34
Department of Public Health and Vital Statistics.	Judges, year ending Au-
Miscellaneous expenses, year	
	Fees for County Judges,
ending August 31, 1904 . 5,000.00	Fees for County Judges, county attorneys, justices of the peace, sheriffs and
ending August 31, 1904 5,000.00 \$ 5,000.00	Fees for County Judges, county attorneys, justices of the peace, sheriffs and constables in examining trials, for the year ending
ending August 31, 1904 5,000.00	Fees for County Judges, county attorneys, justices of the peace, sheriffs and constables in examining trials, for the year ending August 31, 1903 (regis-
ending August 31, 1904 5,000.00  \$ 5,000.00  Comptroller's Office.  Postage, telegraphing, ex-	Fees for County Judges, county attorneys, justices of the peace, sheriffs and constables in examining trials, for the year ending August 31, 1903 (regis- tered)
ending August 31, 1904 5,000.00  \$ 5,000.00  Comptroller's Office.  Postage, telegraphing, express and office furniture, year ending August 31,	Fees for County Judges, county attorneys, justices of the peace, sheriffs and constables in examining trials, for the year ending August 31, 1903 (regis- tered)
ending August 31, 1904 5,000.00  \$ 5,000.00  Comptroller's Office.  Postage, telegraphing, express and office furniture,	Fees for County Judges, county attorneys, justices of the peace, sheriffs and constables in examining trials, for the year ending August 31, 1903 (registered)
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ending August 31, 1904 5,000.00  \$ 5,000.00  Comptroller's Office.  Postage, telegraphing, express and office furniture, year ending August 31, 1904 260.00	Fees for County Judges, county attorneys, justices of the peace, sheriffs and constables in examining trials, for the year ending August 31, 1903 (regis- tered)
ending August 31, 1904 5,000.00 \$ 5,000.00  Comptroller's Office.  Postage, telegraphing, express and office furniture, year ending August 31, 1904 260.00  Adjutant General's Office.  Handling and transportation	Fees for County Judges, county attorneys, justices of the peace, sheriffs and constables in examining trials, for the year ending August 31, 1903 (registered)
ending August 31, 1904 5,000.00  Comptroller's Office.  Postage, telegraphing, express and office furniture, year ending August 31, 1904 260.00  Adjutant General's Office.  Handling and transportation of ordnance stores and quartermaster's supplies,	Fees for County Judges, county attorneys, justices of the peace, sheriffs and constables in examining trials, for the year ending August 31, 1903 (registered)
ending August 31, 1904 5,000.00 \$ 5,000.00  Comptroller's Office.  Postage, telegraphing, express and office furniture, year ending August 31, 1904 260.00  Adjutant General's Office.  Handling and transportation of ordnance stores and	Fees for County Judges, county attorneys, justices of the peace, sheriffs and constables in examining trials, for the year ending August 31, 1903 (registered)

	plies, printing, medicines
tached witnesses for year	and supplies for oculist 1,960.00
ending August 31, 1904 (registered) 34,523.04	And for contingent expense on engine 640.00
(Estimated) 5,000.00	\$ 4.900.00
\$116,538.78 Miscellaneous.	
	Deaf, Dumb and Blind Asylum for Colored Youths.
To refund to liquor dealers the proportionate amount	Clothing for indigent pupils. 203.00
of taxes paid by them for the unexpired term of their	Repairs and general improvements
licenses in local option dis-	Groceries and miscellaneous. 200.00
tricts for the four years ending August 31, 1905	\$ 603.00
(registered and estimated) 25,800.00	Confederate Home.
\$ 25,800.00	Maintenance, \$1800 a month,
Sec. 2. That the following sums, or	or so much thereof as may be required, the same to
so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same are hereby appro-	be paid monthly for five
priated out of any money in the State	months beginning April 1, 1905 9,000.00
Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the support of the State Govern-	Sec. 3. That the following sums, or
ment for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1905, the same being supple-	so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same are hereby appro-
mental to appropriations heretofore made for the same purpose:	priated out of any money in the State Treasury not otherwise appro-
	priated for other deficiencies incurred
Judiciary Department.	in support of the State Government for the period beginning September 1,
Fees of Sheriffs, clerks and attorneys in felony cases. \$ 70,000.00	1901, and ending August 31, 1905:
Expenses of subpoenaed and	Court Civil Appeals—First Supreme Judicial District.
attached witnesses 40,000.00	To pay Bancroft, Whitney
\$110,000.00	Co., for books for law lib-
Public Buildings and Grounds.	rary for year ending August 31, 1903 15.00
Water, light, fuel and con-	To pay Clarke & Courts, balance on invoice, August 31,
tingencies, for year ending August 31, 1905 750.00	1904, for record books and stationery 74.95
\$ 750.00	\$ 89.95
State Orphans Home.	
For postage and stationery. 50.00	Court of Civil Appeals—Fourth Ju- dicial District.
For electric lights 600.00	To pay H. E. Hildebrand,
For lumber for repairs 200.00 For salary of engineer, five	clerk, for postage, year ending August 31, 1904 15.00
months, at \$50.00 per month, without board 250.00	To pay Maverick-Clarke Lithographing Co., for rec-
Transportation 25.00	ord books and stationery. 161.35
Maintenance 2,000.00	\$ 176.35
\$ 3,125.00	General Land Office.
Blind Asylum.	To pay Austin Book and Sta-
For transportation of indigent pupils 500.00	tionery Co., for vellum, blue print and instruments
For dry goods and clothing	for draftsmen, for fiscal year ending August 31,
for indigent pupils 500.00 For fuel 1,000.00	1904 94.10
For water and light 300.00 Groceries, provisions, sup-	\$ 94.10

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	For maintenance, year end-		Comptroller's Office.
52.52	For medical services, year		For books and stationery
211.50	ending August 31, 1904 For medical services, October 1, 1904, to February	31.31	for fiscal year ending August 31, 1904
64.00	1, 1905 For clothing for indigent pu-	31.31	\$
(3) 42 44 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	pils for fiscal year ending	e.	Adjutant General's Office
135.68 19.39	August 31, 1903 Tools for shop		o pay L. P. Seiker, quarter- master, for months of July and August, 1903 (sal-
572.56	\$	250.00	ary)
n.	State Lunatic Asylum.	250.00	stationery, postage and tele- graphing, year ending Au- gust 31, 1905
455.87	For maintenance, year ending August 31, 1903 For maintenance, year end-	500.00	\$
2,789.2	ing August 31, 1904		Department of State.
	For dry goods and clothing, year ending August 31,		o pay Southwestern Tele-
45.17	To pay amount due South-		graph and Telephone Com- pany exchange service for
12.00	western Oil Company		months of April, May, June, July and August,
3,302.29	\$	15.00	1904
nission.	Live Stock Sanitary Comm	15.00	\$
	Amount due for maintenance	ım.	Southwestern Insane Asyl
466.25	for fiscal year ending August 31, 1903		o pay Armour Packing
100120	Amount due for maintenance for fiscal year ending Au-		Company for beef, for fis- cal year ending August 31,
650.00	gust 31, 1904	498.64	1902
1,116.25	*	498.64	\$ Blind Asylum.
	Miscellaneous.		o pay Houston Packing
	Salary of judge of Sixty-		Company for beef, etc., fis- cal year ending August 31,
1,395.83	fourth Judicial District to August 31, 1905	38.78	1903
_,,,,,,,,,,	Salary of district attorney-	38.78	\$
275.00	fourth Judicial District to August 31, 1905		Confederate Home.
	To pay for the publication of the proclamation of the	İ	pay Slayden-Kirksey Woolen Mills for clothing,
	Governor regarding pro- posed amendments to the	2020	fiscal year ending August
	State Constitution relating	821.25	31, 1903 pay Dr. S. E. Hudson for
1,938.56	to pensions for Confederate soldiers		medical services, fiscal year ending August 31,
3,609.39	\$	2.50	1903 Eilers &
	Grand total\$37	17.00	Co., dry goods, fiscal year
		17.22	ending August 31, 1903 pay the John Van
ainst the	Sec. 4 Whereas, there being propriations to pay claims aga	1	Range Company, kitchen utensils, fiscal year ending
	State herein provided for, wh	252.00	August 31, 1903
	outstanding and legal claims		<del></del> -
against ncy and	outstanding and legal claims the State, creates an emergen an imperative public necessity	1,092.97	\$
against ncy and y which e consti-	the State, creates an emergen an imperative public necessity justifies the suspension of the		Deaf, Dumb and Blind Asy
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## PENDING BUSINESS RESUMED.

Question then being on the amendment by Senator Decker,

Senator Hicks moved to table the amendment, which motion was adopted. Senator Stone offered the following

amendment:
Amend Section 149 by striking out all of said section and substituting the

following:

"Sec. 149. All expenses incurred in providing voting booths, stationery, official ballots, wooden or rubber official ballots, tally sheets, polling lists, on cards, ballot boxes, stamps. instruction envelopes, sealing wax, and all for other supplies required conducting a general or special election, shall be paid for by the county, except the cost of supplying booths for cities, which shall be provided for as required by former laws; provided, that all accounts for supplies furnished or services rendered shall first be approved by the county commissioners court, exceptthe accounts for voting booths for cities."

Question being on the amendment by Senator Stone, and the same was adopted by the following vote:

# Yeas-23.

Barrett. Hicks. Beaty. Hill. Brachfield. Holland. Chambers. McKamy. Decker. Meachum. Paulus. Faulk. Skinner. Faust. Glasscock. Stafford. Stokes. Griggs. Hale. Stone. Hanger. Terrell. Harper.

Nays-4.

Davidson. Hawkins. Looney. Smith.

Absent.

Grinnan. Martin. Willacy.

Absent-Excused.

Harbison.

Senator Stone offered the following amendment, which was adopted: Amend Section 32 as follows: "Strike

Amend Section 32 as follows: "Strike out all after the word "election," and substitute the following: "Prescribe to the county judge of each county forms of all blanks necessary under this act."

(Senator Stafford in the chair.)
Senator Decker offered the following amendment:

Amend the bill by adding after Section 105 the following: "Provided the county executive committee of any county shall determine whether or not candidates for county offices shall be nominated by primary election or convention, or whether or not primaries or conventions shall be held for such officers."

Pending discussion on the amendment, Senator Looney raised the point of order that the same subject matter was voted on once before today.

The Chair overruled the point of order, stating that the subject voted on this morning contained more subject matter than the amendment in question.

Senator Looney moved to table the amendment, and

Senator Chambers moved a call of the Senate on that motion, but the point of order was raised that the absentees had been excused on the bill, and the Chair sustained the same.

Question then recurred on the motion to table the amendment by Senator Decker, the same was adopted by the following vote:

## Yeas-18.

Looney.
McKamy.
Meachum.
Skinner.
Smith.
Stafford.
Stokes.
Stone.
Terrell.

## Nays-9.

Beaty.	Hanger.
Chambers.	Hawkins.
Decker.	Holland.
Griggs.	Paulus.
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Hale.

Absent.

Grinnan, Martin. Willacy.

Absent-Excused.

Harbison.

Senator Faulk offered the following amendment:

Amend by adding the following to Section 1: "Provided that in any election held only in a subdivision of a county for the purpose of determining any local question or proposition affecting only such subdivision of the county, then in addition to the foregoing qualification, the voter must have resided in said subdivision of the coun-

ty for six months next preceding such election."

Senator Looney moved the previous question on the pending amendment and the bill, which was duly seconded.

Here Senator Decker asked unanimous consent to offer an amendment allowing the executive committees of counties who only voted 1000 last general election to determine whether or not candidates for county office shall be nominated by primary elections or conventions, etc.

Senator Looney objected.

The previous question was ordered by the following vote:

## Yeas-16.

Barrett.	Looney.
Brachfield.	McKamy.
Davidson.	Paulus.
Faust.	Skinner.
Harper.	Smith.
Hawkins.	Stafford.
Hicks.	Stokes,
Hill.	Stone.

#### Nays-10.

Beaty.	Griggs.
Chambers.	Hale.
Decker.	Holland.
Faulk.	Meachum
Glasscock.	Terrell.

Present-Not Voting.

Hanger.

Absent.

Grinnan, Martin,

Willacy.

green carr,

Absent-Excused.

Harbison.

The amendment was then adopted. The bill was read second time and passed to a third reading by the following vote:

# Yeas-16.

Barrett.	Looney.
Brachfield.	McKamy
Davidson.	Paulus.
Faust.	Skinner.
Hanger,	Smith.
Harper.	Stafford.
Hawkins.	Stokes.
Hicks.	Stone.
Hill.	

## Nays-10.

Beaty.	Griggs.
Chambers.	Hale.
Decker.	Holland.
Faulk.	Meachum.
Glasscock.	Terrell.

Absent.

Grinnan, Martin. Willacy.

Absent-Excused.

Harbison.

Senator Looney moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed to a third reading, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed by the following vote:

#### Yeas-21.

Barrett.	Holland,
Beaty.	Looney.
Brachfield.	McKamy
Davidson,	Paulus.
Faust.	Skinner.
Hale.	Smith.
Hanger.	Stafford.
Harper.	Stokes.
Hawkins.	Stone.
Hicks.	Willacy.
Hill.	

### Nays-6.

Chambers.	Glasscock.
Decker.	Meachum.
Faulk.	Terrell.

Present-Not Voting.

Griggs.

Absent.

Grinnan.

Martin.

Absent-Excused.

Harbison.

# REASONS FOR VOTING.

I vote no on engrossment of this bill because I favor a blanket primary and believe the people should elect all officers from Constable to Governor, and not a few politicians, as will be done under this bill, if it becomes a law—and believing I voice the sentiment of my people, shall vote nay.

CHAMBERS.

Senator Looney moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and the bill put on its third reading and final passage.

On that motion Senator Chambers moved a call of the Senate, which was duly seconded, the roll was called, the following Senators answering

to their names:

Barrett.	Hicks.
Beaty.	Hill.
Brachfield.	Holland.
Chambers.	Looney.
Davidson.	McKamy.
Decker.	Meachum.
Faulk.	Paulus.
Faust.	Skinner.
Glasscock.	Smith.
Griggs.	Stafford,
Hale.	Stokes.
Hanger.	Stone.
Harper.	Terrell.
Hawkins.	Willacy.

#### Absent.

Grinnan.

Martin.

Absent-Excused.

Harbison.

Senator Chambers moved that the Senate adjourn till tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, but the motion was lost. Senator Decker moved that the Senate adjourn till tomorrow morning at 10:30 oclock and the motion was lost by the following vote:

#### Yeas-7.

Chambers.	Holland,
Decker.	Meachum
Hale.	Terrell.
Harper.	

Nays-20.

Barrett.	Hicks.
Beaty.	Hill.
Brachfield.	Looney.
Davidson,	McKamy,
Faulk,	Paulus.
Faust.	Skinner.
Glasscock.	Smith.
Griggs,	Stafford.
Hanger.	Stokes.
Hawkins.	Stone.

Present-Not Voting.

Willacy.

Absent.

Grinnan.

Martin.

Absent-Excused.

Harbison.

Senator Davidson here moved to excuse the absentees on the motion to suspend the constitutional rule on this bill, and the bill, and the motion was adopted by the following vote:

## Yeas-19.

Barrett. Brachfleld. Davidson. Faust.

Griggs.	Paulus.
Hanger.	Skinner.
Harper.	Smith.
Hawkins.	Stafford
Hicks.	Stokes.
Hill.	Stone.
Looney.	Willacy.
McKamy.	· v macy.

Nays-8.

Beaty. Hale.
Chambers. Holland.
Decker. Meachum.
Glasscock. Terrell.

Present-Not Voting.

Faulk.

Absent.

Grinnan.

Martin.

Absent-Excused.

Harbison.

Question then being on the suspension of the constitutional rule, and the same was lost by the following vote:

### Yeas-19.

Barrett,	Looney.
Brachfield.	McKamy
Davidson.	Paulus.
Faust.	Skinner.
Griggs.	Smith.
Hanger.	Stafford.
Harper.	Stokes.
Hawkins.	Stone.
Hicks.	Willacy.
Hill.	

## Nays-9.

Beaty.	Hale.
Chambers.	Holland.
Decker.	Meachum.
Faulk.	Terrell.
Glasscock.	

Absent-Excused.

Grinnan. Harbison. Martin.

# REASONS FOR VOTING.

We vote No on the engrossment of this bill,

First—Because by its terms it seeks to build up the primary convention system as against the blanket primary system in the nomination of candidates.

Second—It denies the right of the people of any political party to nominate candidates for district officers by a plurality vote of the people or political party in any district in this state.

Third—This bill is not as good a

law in our judgment as the present law passed by the Twenty-eighth Legislature and therefore we believe that the interest of the people to participate in primary elections of their respective parties is better preserved and guaranteed in the present law than in this bill.

GLASSCOCK. TERRELL.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 13.

Senator McKamy moved that pending order of business (House bill No. 3), be suspended, and the Senate took up, out of its order, House bill No. 13. Pending discussion on this motion, Senator McKamy withdrew the same.

### HOUSE BILL NO. 3.

The Chair laid before the Senate on

second reading, as pending business, House bill No. 3, a bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the levy and collection of an annual ad valorem State tax for the general revenue purposes of twenty-five cents on the one hundred dollars valuation for 1905, and sixteen and two-thirds cents after."

Senator Hicks moved to adopt the majority committee report, which recommended the passage of the bill with amendments, and

Senator Harper moved that minority report be adopted, which recommended that the bill do not pass.

Pending discussion on the motion the Senate recessed.

### RECESS.

On motion of Senator Hicks the Senate at 6:20 o'clock recessed till o'clock.

## AFTER RECESS.

The Senate was called to order by Lieutenant Governor Neal.

The question being on the motion to adopt the committee reports on House bill No. 3.

previous Senator Stone moved the question on both pending motions, which being duly seconded, was so ordered by the following vote:

## Yeas-15.

Barrett. Brachfield,

Chambers. Faulk.

Harper. Hawkins. Looney. Martin. McKamy. Paulus.

Skinner. Smith. Stokes. Stone. Terrell.

#### Nays-10.

Beaty. Faust. Glasscock. Griggs.

Hanger. Hicks. Hill. Holland. Stafford.

#### Absent.

Davidson. Decker. Grinnan.

Meachum. Willacy.

## Absent-Excused.

Harbison.

Action then recurring on the motion to adopt the minority committee report and on that motion Senator Stafford moved a call of the Senate, which being duly seconded, the roll was called, the following Senators answer-ing to their names:

### Present.

Hill. Barrett. Holland. Beaty. Brachfield. Looney. Martin. Chambers. McKamy. Faulk. Paulus. Faust Skinner. Glasscock. Smith. Griggs. Stafford. Hale. Stokes. Hanger. Stone. Harper. Terrell. Hawkins. Willacy. Hicks.

## Absent.

Davidson Decker.

Grnnnan. Meachum.

## Absent-Excused.

Harbison.

The Sergeant-at-Arms was instructed to bring in the absent members.

# HOUSE BILL NO. 13.

Pending business was House bill No. 13, and

Senator McKamy moved to adopt the majority committee report.

#### REFUSED TO EXCUSE AB-SENTEES.

Here Senator Hicks moved to excuse the absentees on the motion to adopt the minority committee report on House bill No. 3.

Senator Looney as a substitute moved to excuse the absentees for the balance of the term, which motion was lost by the following vote:

#### Yeas-13.

Brachfield. McKamy.
Davidson. Paulus.
Faulk: Skinner.
Faust. Smith.
Harper. Stafford.
Hawkins. Stokes.
Looney.

Nays-16.

Barrett. Hicks. Beaty. Hill. Chambers. Holland, Decker. Martin. Glasscock. Meachum. Griggs. Stone. Hale. Terrell. Hanger. Willacy.

Absent.

Grinnan.

Absent-Excused.

Harbison.

Action then recurred on the motion to excuse the absentees on Senator Harper's motion to adopt the minority report, and the motion was lost by the following vote:

## Yeas-17.

Holland Beaty. Looney. Decker. Meachum. Faust. Glasscock. Paulus. Skinner. Griggs. Hale. Smith. Stafford. Hanger. Willacy. Hicks. Hill.

Nays—12.

Barrett. Hawkins.
Brachfield. Martin.
Chambers. McKamy.
Davidson. Stokes.
Faulk. Stone.
Harper. Terrell.

Absent.

Grinnan.

Absent—Excused.

Harbison.

(Senator Skinner in the chair.)

#### EXCUSED.

On motion of Senator Brachfield Senator Hale was excused from attendance upon the Senate for the balance of the term on account of sickness.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 13.

The chair laid before the Senate on the chair laid before the Senate on second reading House Bill No. 13, a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 5243e, of Chapter 9, Title CIV, of the Revised Statutes of Texas, as amened by an act of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Texas, approved April 20, 1927 with the state of Texas, approved April 20, 1927 with the state of Texas, approved April 20, 1927 with the state of Texas, approved April 20, 1927 with the state of Texas, approved April 20, 1927 with the state of Texas, approved April 20, 1927 with the state of Texas, approximation of the State of Texas, approximation proved April 30, 1897, entitle 'An Act to amend Articles 5243e, 5243i, 5243j and 5243k, of Chapter 9, Title CIV, of the Revised Civil Statutes, relating to the taxation of insurance, telephone, sleeping and dining car and other corporations, and to provide for forfeiting the charter of domestic corporations and permits of foreign corporations to do business in this State for failure to pay the franchise tax levied by this act, and to define and prescribe the notice to be given to said corporations previous to such forfeiture and to provide adequate penalties for the viola-tion of this act," and as further amended by an act of the Twentyninth Legislature of the State of Texas, approvel April 18, 1905, entitled "An Act to amend Article 5243e, an act entitled An Act to amend 52431, er 9. Article 5243e, 52431 and Chapter Title 5243k, of CIV, Revised Statutes, relating of the to the taxation of insurance, telephone, sleeping and dining car and other corporations, and to provide for forfeiting the charters of domestic corporations and permits of foreign corporations to do business in this State for failure to pay the franchise tax levied by this act, and to define and prescribe the notice to be given the said corporations previous to such forfeiture, and to provide adequate penalties for the violation of this act, passed and enacted by the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved April 30, 1897," and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict, and de-claring an emergency.

Senator McKamy moved to adopt the

minority committee report.

Senator Decker moved to table the motion to adopt the minority report, which motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas-11.

Beaty. Decker. Faust. Glasscock.

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Griggs.	Meachum.	
Hanger.	Stafford.	] :
Hicks.	Willacy.	L
Hill.		I
	Nays—16.	i
Barrett.	Martin.	1
Brachfield.	McKamy.	,
Chambers.	Paulus.	1
Davidson.	Skinner.	1
Faulk.	Smith.	
Hawkins. Holland.	Stokes. Stone.	ŀ
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Hale.	Harbison.	l
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	PAIRED.	
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Senator Har	per, present, vote "No."	19
Senator Hale	e, absent, vote "aye."	3
There was	a point of order raised Senator Harper to pair	
with Senator	Hale, inasmuch as Sena-	
tor Hale had	been excused for the	13
balance of the	e term.	,
The point of	of order was overruled	1
and the pair	ordered. y report was adopted by	
the following		Ĺ
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	Yeas—20.	
Barrett.	Martin.	
Brachfield.	McKamy.	Ţ.,
Chambers. Davidson.	Paulus. Skinner.	1
Faulk.	Smith.	
Hanger.	Stafford.	1
Hawkins.	Stokes.	- 5
Hicks.	Stone.	
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Beaty.	Griggs.	
Decker.	Hill.	
Faust.	Meachum.	i
Glasscock.		
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Abs	sent—Excused.	
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Harbison.

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Senator Harper, present, vote "No." Senator Hale, absent. vote "Aye."

Hale.

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0 2 2 20 0 0 0	Senator Hanger offered the following amendment: Amend Article 5243e,, of House Bill No. 13 by striking out the figures and words "3 per cent" referring to life insurance companies, and inserting in lieu thereof the figures and words "2 1-4 per cent." Senator Brachfield moved to table the amendment, which motion was lost by the following vote:	i i e n 4		
	Yeas—12.			
	Barrett. Looney. Brachfield. Martin. Chambers. McKamy. Davidson. Smith. Faulk. Stokes. Hawkins. Terrell.			
9	Nays—15.			
	Beaty. Holland. Decker. Meachum. Faust. Paulus. Griggs. Skinner. Glasscock. Stafford. Hanger. Stone. Hicks. Willacy.			
	Hill. Present.			
	Harper. Absent. Grinnan.			
	Absent—Excused.			
	Hale. Harbison.			
	Senator Hawkins offered the following amendment to the amendment: Amend the amendment by striking out 2 1-4 and inserting 2 1-2. Senator Hanger moved to table the amendment to the amendment, and the motion was adopted by the following vote:  Yeas—16.			
	Beaty. Hill. Davidson. Holland. Decker. Meachum. Faust. Paulus. Glasscock. Skinner. Griggs. Stafford. Hanger. Stone. Hicks. Willacy.			
	Nays—11.			
	Barrett Martin			

Barrett.	
Brachfield.	
Chambers.	
Faulk.	
Hawkins.	
Looney.	

Martin. McKamy, Smith. Stokes, Terrell.

Absent.

Grinnan.

## Absent-Excused.

#### Hale.

Harbison.

Senator Davidson offered the following amendment to the amendment:

Amend by striking out 3 where it oc-curs and place 2 3-4 where 3 occurs.

Senator Hanger moved to table the amendment to the amendment, and that motion was adopted by the following vote:

#### Yeas-14.

Hill.
Holland.
Meachum,
Paulus.
Stafford.
Stone.
Willacy.

### Nays-13.

Barrett.	Martin.
Brachfield.	McKamy,
Chambers.	Skinner.
Davidson,	Smith.
Faulk.	Stokes.
Hawkins.	Terrell.
Looney	

Present-Not Voting.

Harper.

Absent.

Grinnan.

Absent-Excused.

Hale.

Harbison.

Senator Hanger moved the previous question on the pending amendment, which being duly seconded, it was so ordered by the following vote:

## Yeas-19.

Beaty.	Holland.
Chambers.	Meachum.
Davidson.	Paulus.
Decker.	Skinner.
Faust.	Smith.
Glasscock.	Stafford.
Griggs.	Stone.
Hanger.	Terrell.
Hicks.	Willacy.
Hill,	

### Nays-8.

Barrett.	Looney.
Brachfield.	Martin.
Faulk.	McKamy.
Hawkins.	Stokes.

Present but Not Voting.

Harper.

### Absent.

Grinnan,

Absent-Excused.

Harbison,

Question then being on the amend-ment by Senator Hanger, the same was adopted by the following vote:

#### Yeas-15.

Beaty.	Holland.
Decker.	Meachum,
Faust.	Paulus.
Glasscock.	Smith.
Griggs.	Stafford.
Hanger.	Stone.
Hicks.	Willacy.
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## Nays-12.

Barrett.	Looney.
Brachfield.	Martin.
Chambers.	McKamy.
Davidson.	Skinner.
Faulk.	Stokes.
Hawkins.	Terrell.

Absent.

Grinnan.

Absent-Excused.

Hale. Harper. Harbison.

Senator Looney offered the following amendment:

Amend the bill as amended by striking out the figures two and one-fourth, and insert in lieu thereof two and sixty-five one hundredths.

On motion of Senator Glasscock the amendment was tabled by the follow-

ing vote:

## Yeas-15.

Beaty.	Holland.
Decker.	Meachum.
Faust.	Paulus.
Glasscock.	Smith.
Griggs.	Stafford.
Hanger.	Stone.
Hicks.	Willacy,
Hill.	10,04 (0000000000000000000000000000000000

## Nays-12.

Barrett.	Looney.
Brachfield.	Martin.
Chambers.	McKamy.
Davidson.	Skinner.
Faulk.	Stokes.
Hawkins.	Terrell,

Drogont	hort.	BTAL	TT-41
Tresent	Dut	TAGE	Voting.

Harper.

Absent.

Grinnan.

Absent-Excused.

Hale.

Harbison.

Senator McKamy offered the following amendment:

Amend the bill by striking out the figure "2" on page 59 of the bill in Article 5243e and insert in lieu thereof "1 3-4."

Senator Terrell moved to table the amendment, but the motion was lost.

The amendment was then adopted by the following vote:

## Yeas-21.

Chambers. Holland, Davidson. Looney. Decker. McKamy. Faulk. Meachum. Skinner. Faust. Glasscock. Smith. Stafford. Griggs. Hanger. Stokes. Hawkins. Stone. Hicks. Willacy. Hill.

Nays-6.

Martin. Barrett. Paulus. Beaty. Brachfield. Terrell.

Present-Not Voting.

Harper.

Absent.

Grinnan.

Absent-Excused.

Hale.

Harbison.

Senator Looney offered the following amendment:

Amend the minority committee amendment as adopted by adding thereto as follows:

"Provided this shall not relieve agents from paying an occupation tax," and strike out the following language: Or any of its agents.

Senator Glasscock moved the previous question on the amendments and the bill, the same being duly seconded and was so ordered by the following vote:

## Yeas-27.

Barrett. Beaty.

Brachfield. Chambers.

Davidson.	Looney.
Decker.	McKamy.
Faulk.	Meachum.
Faust,	Paulus.
Glasscock.	Skinner.
Griggs.	Smith.
Hanger.	Stafford.
Harper.	Stokes.
Hawkins.	Stone.
Hicks.	Terrell.
Hill.	Willacy,
Holland.	

Nays-1.

Martin.

Absent.

Grinnan.

Absent—Excused.

Hale.

Harbison.

The amendment by Senator Looney was adopted:

The bill was read second time and passed to a third reading.

Here Senator Looney stated that in

drawing his last amendment he had made an error and was, by unanimous consent, allowed to correct same.

On motion of Senator Hanger the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the fol-lowing vote:

#### Yeas-28.

Barrett. Hill. Beaty. Holland. Brachfield. Looney. Chambers. Martin. Davidson. McKamy. Decker. Meachum. Faulk. Paulus. Faust. Skinner. Glasscock. Smith. Stafford. Griggs. Stokes. Harper. Hanger. Stone. Hawkins. Terrell. Hicks. Willacy.

Absent.

Grinnan.

Absent-Excused.

Hale.

Harbison.

Senator Terrell offered the following amendment:

Amend by adding after the word "defined" in line 1, column 2, page 60, of the Journal, the following: Provided the provisions of this act shall not apply to the Knights of Honor, Order of Railway Conductors or any kindred or like fraternal insurance orders.

The amendment was lost by the following vote:

#### Yeas-13.

Barrett. Hanger.
Chambers. Holland,
Davidson. Martin.
Decker. Stone.
Faust. Terreil.
Glasscock. Willacy.
Griggs.

Nays-15.

Beaty, McKamy, Brachfield. Meachum. Faulk. Paulus. Harper. Skinner. Hawkins. Smith. Hicks. Stafford. Hill. Stokes. Looney.

Absent.

Grinnan,

Absent-Excused.

Hale.

Harbison.

The bill was read third time and passed by the following vote:

#### Yeas-27.

Barrett. Holland. Looney. Beaty. Brachfield. Martin. Chambers. McKamy. Davidson. Meachum. Decker. Paulus. Skinner. Faulk. Smith. Faust Stafford. Glasscock. Stokes. Hanger. Harper. Stone. Hawkins. Terrell. Hicks. Willacy. Hill.

Nays-1.

Griggs.

Absent.

Grinnan.

Absent-Excused.

Hale.

Harbison.

Senator McKamy moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

# HOUSE BILL NO. 8.

Senator Hicks moved to suspend pend pending business and take up House bill No. 8, and

Senator Hawkins moved that the Senate adjourn until 9 o'clock this, Saturday morning, and the motion was lost by the following vote:

#### Yeas-9.

Brachfield. Martin.
Chambers. Stokes.
Faulk. Stone.
Harper. Terrell.
Hawkins.

Navs-19.

Barrett. Holland. Beaty. Looney. Davidson. McKamy, Decker. Meachum. Faust. Paulus. Glasscock. Skinner. Smith, Stafford. Griggs. Hanger. Hicks. Willacy. HIII.

Absent.

Grinnan.

Absent-Excused.

Hale.

Harbison,

Senator Glasscock here moved to excuse the absentees on House bill No. 3, which bill the Senate was under call on. The motion was lost by the following vote:

## Yeas-13.

Beaty. Hill,
Decker. Holland,
Faust. Skinner,
Glasscock. Smith.
Griggs. Stafford.
Hanger, Willacy,
Hicks.

## Nays-15.

Barrett. Martin.
Brachfield. McKamy.
Chambers. Meachum.
Davidson. Palus.
Faulk. Stokes.
Harper. Stone.
Hawkins. Terrell.
Looney.

Absent.

Grinnan.

Absent-Excused.

Hale.

Harbison.

Senator Hawkins moved that the Senate adjourn till 9 o'clock this (Saturday) morning. The motion was lost by the following vote:

	Yeas—13.		Yeas-17.
Barrett.	Holland.	Barrett.	TY:11
Beaty.	Martin.	A	Hill.
Brachfield.	Paulus.	Beaty.	Holland.
Chambers.	Stokes.	Davidson.	Looney.
Faulk.		Faust.	McKamy.
	Stone.	Glasscock.	Skinner.
Harper.	Terrell.	Griggs.	Smith.
Hawkins.		Hanger.	Stafford.
	Nays—15.	Hawkins.	Willacy.
Davidson	<b>T</b> ************************************	Hicks.	420 200 to 12 12 12 12 12 12 14 14 14 14 14 14 14 14 14 14 14 14 14
Davidson. Decker.	Looney.	1	Nays-11.
	McKamy.		
Faust.	Meachum.	Brachfield.	Meachum.
Glasscock.	Skinner.	Chambers.	Paulus.
Griggs.	Smith.	Decker.	Stokes.
Hanger.	Stafford.	Faulk.	
Hicks.	Willacy.	Harper.	Stone.
Hill.	nocountries consiste # 1.51	Martin.	Terrell.
	Absent.	Martin.	
Grinnan.			Absent.
Abs	sent-Excused.	Grinnan.	
Hale.	Harbison.	Abs	ent-Excused.
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HOUS	SE BILL NO. 8.	Hale.	Harbison.
11001	DIED 110. 8.	Senator Day	vidson moved to excuse
Senator Hic	ks moved to suspend	the absentees	on House bill No. 3. The
pending husing	ess to take up House bill	motion was a	dopted by the following
No. 8, and	obs to take up riouse bill	vote:	20pted by the following
	notion Senator Decker	, , , , ,	
	of the Senate, which be-		Yeas-19.
inoveu a can	of the Senate, which be-		
	ided, the roll was called,	Barrett.	Hicks.
	Senators answering to	Beaty.	Hill.
their names:		Davidson.	Holland.
		Decker.	Looney.
	Present.	Faulk.	McKamy.
Downsta	*****	Faust.	
Barrett.	Hill.		Skinner.
Beaty.	Holland.	Glasscock.	Smith.
Brachfield.	Looney.	Griggs.	Stafford.
Chambers.	Martin.	Hanger.	Willacy.
Davidson.	McKamy.	Hawkins.	
Decker.	Meachum.		Nays—9.
Faulk.	Paulus.		21432 0.
Faust.	Skinner.	Brachfield.	Paulus.
Glasscock.	Smith.	Chambers.	Stokes.
Griggs.	Stafford.		
Hanger.	Stokes.	Harper.	Stone.
		Martin.	Terrell.
Harper.	Stone.	Meachum.	
Hawkins.	Terrell.	19239	V SUBSTITUTE OF STREET
Hicks.	Willacy,	Prese	nt—Not Voting.
Grinnan.	Absent.	Harper.	
Jilliali.			Absent.
	ent—Excused.	Grinnan.	
Hale.	Harbison.	41.	ont Ewanged
President pro	tem. Willacy in Chair.)	ADS	ent—Excused,
	ks moved to excuse the	Hale.	Harbison.
	this bill and the motion	The Chair th	nen laid before the Sen-

absentees on this bill and the motion to suspend pending business.

Senator Smith moved, as a substitute, that the absentees be excused for the balance of the session.

The substitute motion was lost by the following vote:

ate House bill No. 3 (the ad valorem bill).

Motion then recurring on the motion by Senator Harper to adopt the minor-ity report, the same was lost by the following vote:

#### Yeas-13.

Barrett, Martin.
Brachfield. Meachum.
Chambers. Paulus.
Davidson. Stokes.
Harper. Stone.
Hawkins. Terrell.
Looney.

## Nays-15.

Beaty. Hill.
Decker. Holland.
Faulk. McKamy.
Faust. Skinner.
Glasscock. Smith.
Griggs. Stafford.
Hanger. Willacy.
Hicks.

Absent.

Ginnan.

Absent-Excused.

Hale.

Harbison.

Action then recurring upon the motion to adopt the majority report, the same was adopted by the following vote:

## Yeas-14.

Beaty. Hicks.
Decker. Hill.
Faulk. Holland.
Glasscock. McKamy.
Griggs. Smith.
Hanger. Stafford.
Harper. Willacy.

## Nays-12.

Barrett. Martin,
Brachfield. Meachum.
Chambers. Paulus.
Davidson. Stokes.
Hawkins. Stone.
Looney. Terrell.

## Present-Not Voting.

Faust.

Skinner.

Absent.

Ginnan.

Absent-Excused.

Hale.

Harbison.

## PAIRED.

Senator Hale, absent, voting "No," and Senator Faust, present, voting "Aye."

Senator Skinner announced he had paired with Senator Grinnan, Senator Grinnan, absent, voting "No," and he, present, voting "Aye."

Senator Smith offered the following amndment:

Amend section 1 of the bill by striking out all after the word collected in line 20 down to the word "and" in line 21, and insert in the place thereof the following: "annually for the years 1905 and 1906 an ad valorem tax of twenty cents."

Senator Davidson offered the following substitute for the amendment:

Amend by striking out 25 cents wherever it occurs and insert in place of same 22 cents.

The substitute amendment was lost by the following vote:

### Yeas-7.

Barrett. McKamy,
Brachfield. Stone.
Davidson. Terrell,
Hawkins.

## Nays-21.

Holland. Beaty. Looney. Chambers. Martin. Decker. Meachum. Faulk. Faust. Paulus. Glasscock. Skinner. Smith. Griggs. Stafford. Hanger. Stokes. Harper. Willacy. Hicks. Hill.

Absent.

Grinnan.

Absent-Excused.

Hale.

Harbison.

The amendment was then adopted by the following vote:

## Yeas-16.

Beaty. Brachfield. Hicks. Hill. Holland. Decker. McKamy. Faulk. Meachum. Faust. Smith. Glasscock. Stafford. Griggs. Willacy. Hanger. Harper.

## Nays-11.

Barrett, Chambers. Davidson. Hawkins. Looney. Martin. Paulus. Stokes. Stone. Terrell.

Nresent-Not Voting.

Skinner.

Absent.

Grinnan.

Absent-Excused.

Hale.

Harbison.

Senator Hanger moved the previous question on the amendment (by Senator Smith) and the bill which being duly seconded, was so ordered.

Senator Hanger moved to reconsider the vote by which the previous question was ordered and Senator Davidson moved to table that motion, and the motion to table was lost by the following vote:

### Yeas-11.

Barrett. Chambers. Davidson. Hawkins. Looney. Martin. Meachum. Paulus. Stokes. Stone. Terrell.

#### Nays-14.

Beaty.
Faulk.
Faust.
Glasscock.
Griggs.
Hanger.
Harper.

Hicks.
Hill.
Holland.
McKamy.
Smith.
Stafford.
Willacy.

Present-Not Voting.

Skinner.

Absent.

Brachfield, Decker. Grinnan.

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Absent-Excused.

Hale.

Harbison.

The motion to reconsider was then adopted by the following vote:

Yeas-16.

Beaty. Decker. Faulk. Faust. Glasscock. Griggs. Hanger. Harper. Hawkins. Hicks. Holland.
McKamy,
Smith.
Stafford.
Willacy.

## Nays-11.

Barrett. Brachfield. Chambers. Davidson. Looney. Meachum. Paulus. Stokes. Stone. Terrell.

Present-Not Voting.

Skinner.

Martin.

Absent

Grinnan.

Absent-Excused.

Hale.

Harbison.

Senator Smith offered the following amendment:

Amend the caption of the bill by striking out all after the caption of the bill after the words purpose and insert in lieu thereof the following: "of twenty cents annually for the years 1905 and 1906, and sixteen and two-thirds cents thereafter."

The amendment was adopted by the following vote:

## Yeas-15.

Beaty.
Decker.
Faulk.
Faust.
Glasscock.
Griggs.
Hanger.
Harper.

Hicks.
Hill.
Holland.
McKamy.
Smith.
Stafford.
Willacy.

## Nays-12.

Barrett. Brachfield. Chambers. Davidson. Hawkins.

Martin. Meachum. Paulus. Stokes. Stone. Terrell.

Present-Not Voting.

Skinner.

Looney.

Absent.

Grinnan.

Absent-Excused.

Hale.

Harbison.

## PAIRED.

Senator Skinner, present, voting "Aye," and Senator Grinnan, absent, voting "No."

The bill was read second time and passed to a third reading by the following vote:

### Yeas-15.

Beaty.	Hicks.
Decker.	Hill.
Faulk.	Holland.
Faust.	McKamy
Glasscock.	Smith.
Griggs.	Stafford.
Hanger.	Willacy.
Harper.	COMP. DALLA MANAGEMENT

### Nays-12.

Barrett,	Martin.
Brachfield.	Meachum
Chambers.	Paulus.
Davidson.	Stokes.
Hawkins.	Stone.
Looney.	Terrell.

Present-Not Voting.

Skinner.

Absent.

Grinnan,

Absent-Excused.

Hale. Harbison.

Senator Hicks moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed to a third reading, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed by the following vote:

## Yeas-15.

Beaty.	Hicks.
Decker.	Hill.
Faulk.	Holland.
Faust.	McKamy.
Glasscock.	Smith
Griggs.	Stafford.
Hanger.	Willacy.
Harper.	

# Nays-12.

Barrett.	Martin.
Brachfield.	Meachum.
Chambers.	Paulus.
Davidson.	Stokes.
Hawkins.	Stone.
Looney.	Terrell,

Present-Not Voting.

Skinner.

Absent.

Grinnan.

Absent-Excused.

Hale.

Harbison.

## BILLS SIGNED BY CHAIR.

The Chair (Lieutenant Governor

The Chair (Lieutenant Governor Neal) gave notice of signing and did sign in the presence of the Senate after its caption had been read, Senate concurrent resolution No. 2: Resolved by the Senate, the House concurring, that the Comptroller be, and is hereby authorized, to draw warrants to pay any of the unpaid contingent expenses of the Twenty-ninth Legislature created at regular session thereof, out of the amount appropriated by the act appropriating money to pay by the act appropriating money to pay the contingent expenses, first called session of the Twenty-ninth Legisla-

## ADJOURNMENT.

Senator Davidson moved that the Senate adjourn till 4 o'clock a.m., Saturday, May 13, 1905.

Senator Meachum moved the Senate recess till 10 o'clock a.m., Saturday.

Senator Stone moved the Senate stand adjourned till 10:15 a.m. Saturday.

day.

Senator Chambers moved the Senote stand adjourned till 6 o'clock p. m.

Saturday, which motion was lost.

Action then recurring on motion to adjourn till 10:15, the motion was lost by the following vote:

# Yeas-12.

Barrett.	Harper.
Brachfield.	Hawkins.
Chambers.	Martin.
Decker.	Meachum
Faulk.	Stone.
Glasscock.	Terrell.

### Navs-16.

Beaty.	Holland,
Davidson.	Looney.
Faust.	McKamy.
Griggs.	Paulus.
Hicks.	Skinner.
Hill.	Smith.

Stafford. Stokes.

Willacy.

Absent.

Hanger.

Grinnan.

Absent-Excused.

Harbison.

Hale.

Action was taken on the motion to recess till 10 a.m., and the same was lost by the following vote:

#### Yeas-12.

Brachfield. Chambers. Decker. Faulk. Glasscock. Harper.

Hawkins. Martin. Meachum. Stokes. Stone. Terrell.

#### Nays-16.

Barrett. Beaty. Davidson. Faust. Griggs. Hanger. Hicks. Hill.

Holland. Looney. McKamy, Paulus. Skinner. Smith. Stafford. Willacy.

Absent.

Grinnan.

Absent-Excused.

Hale.

Harbison.

The motion of Senator Davidson to adjourn till 4 a. m. was adopted by the following vote:

## Yeas-19.

Barrett. Beaty. Davidson. Faust. Griggs. Hanger. Harper. Hawkins. Hicks. Hill

Holland. Looney. McKamy. Paulus. Skinner. Smith. Stafford. Stone. Willacy.

## Nays-9.

Brachfield. Chambers. Decker. Faulk. Glasscock.

Martin. Meachum. Stokes. Terrell.

Absent.

Grinnan.

Absent-Excused.

Hale

Harbison.

#### APPENDIX A.

SENATOR LOONEY'S SPEECH ON ELECTION BILL.

Published in Journal by order of the Senate.

Senator Looney said:

Mr. President. Among the many important measures considered by this Legislature none will outrank in importance to the entire State this bill, which seeks to perfect our laws regulating elections. The very existence, to say nothing of the well being of a free republic, depends upon the independence and purity of the ballot, and any custom or law which in any way hampers the voter, that renders him less independent, that subjects him to the corrupting influence of the professional politician, or that makes it possible for the ballots of a people to be tampered with or their voice defeated, should be abolished, and there should be enacted in its stead a law plain, rigid and mandatory which will leave the voter to cast his ballot controlled alone by his conscience, his untrammeled judgment, and his ideals of citizenship, independent of the wiles of the partisan or the blandishments of wealth. Your Committee on Privi-leges and Elections labored long and faithfully to agree upon a measure, as a compromise, around which all could rally in support, and the result of their labors is presented to this body in the shape of this substitute, which is offered in lieu of the house bill. preparing this substitute all sides have approached the subject in a spirit of compromise. We have each had to give and take. Neither group has secured its ideal system, but in a spirit of justice and fairness to all sections of this great commonwealth having the local conditions and its local conditions. due regard to local conditions and diversity of peoples, being controlled and directed at all times by an earnest desire for a pure and independent ballot and for uniformity of our election laws, your committee has reported this substitute with recommendation that it do pass.

There is something infinitely greater involved in this question than the ambition of any man for office or the suiting of laws to the peculiar political conditions of any section. In the interest of local self government 1 will yield the right to local committees

to control the method of holding primarles in their respective counties and districts, with reference to local officers, but thus far and no further will I yield on that line. The people of my county are certainly as deeply interested in the method of holding primaries for State offices, in any other county of this State, as they are as to the method employed in their own county. I believe that, above all things, we want uniformity as to date and method of holding primaries. 1 don't see how we can well employ the two plans, that is, an election and a convention at the same time.

If we permit each committee—State, district and county—to decide for its jurisdiction whether a primary election or a primary convention shall be held, you invite confusion and render the whole system cumbersome and impracticable. One county will, doubtless, form the part of four or five dis-Now, suppose that half the committees should order primary elec-tions and the other half primary conventions, all to be held on a uniform date at the same places and to be participated in by the same voters. In order to hold the primary election you. of necessity, take from the body of the citizens for one day from four to eight voters for each box as judges and clerks, and in large countles like mine (Hunt), which has between forty and fifty voting boxes, this plan will result in practically disfranchising 250 voters from any participation what-ever in the convention. This illustration alone should convince any one of the prime importance of uniformity in method, at least,

Some members of this body who favor the blanket primary idea object to this substitute because it is not the accomplishment, at one bound, of their hopes and desires. To those I wish to say that I, too, am as fondly wedded to the compulsory blanket primary as to the compulsory blanket primary as any member of this chamber, but I thought that in order to see the many other excellent features of this bill enacted into a law, in order to make the election code consistent with itself, in order to cure it of its many crudities, in order to make our primaries uniform and controlled by strict law, I was willing to yield my desires for a blanket primary for the present, hop-ing and trusting that the gentlemen who now oppose that idea, two years hence, after uniform primaries are inaugurated, will come prepared to go the full length with us in enacting compulsory uniform primary law. No one should be disheartened because we can not secure these reforms at one session of the Legislature. Most of you will recall that it was only a few

years back when the campaign began in this State for a reform of our election laws. The Senator from DeWitt (Davidson) was the author of the poh tax amendment to our Constitution. which the people adopted and around which, as a nucleus, our entire system reformatory of laws have grouped.

It was only last session that Judge Terrell began his magnificent fight for pure ballot and an independent voter, and we have only held one general election under that law. I do not exaggerate when I say that no recent measure has met with such spontaneous approval of all the people as this, so much so that it was indorsed by the party in convention with a demand that this Legislature amend and cure

its defects,

It is well known that nominations by the Democratic party in Texas is tan-tamount to an election; that the people at the general election following, simply ratify and confirm what has already been accomplished. This being the case, and it will not be controverted, why not have our primary elections controlled with the same cir-cumspection, and subject the voters to the same rigid examination as are required at the general election. This bill places under rules of certain law all nominating conventions, and by so doing puts out of commission the traditional dark horse and places a ban on political treachery.

We must move forward in this reform, as progress never takes a back track. We can not afford to return to the primary conventions, chaotic and unrestrained, where Tray, Blanche and Sweetheart and the whole pack as-semble, and too often simply register the will or do the bidding of some local

political boss.

Give us a primary as well guarded and as free from extraneous influences as would apply to our general elec-tions. In my judgment, this bill will accomplish that result, and altogether it is pronounced by those familiar with its provisions and capable of judging, to be the very best measure of the kind ever presented to a Texas Legislature.

## NINETEENTH DAY.

Senate Chamber, Austin, Texas. Saturday, May 13, 1905. Senate met pursuant to adjournment, President Pro Tem. Willacy in the chair.

Roll call. No quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names: